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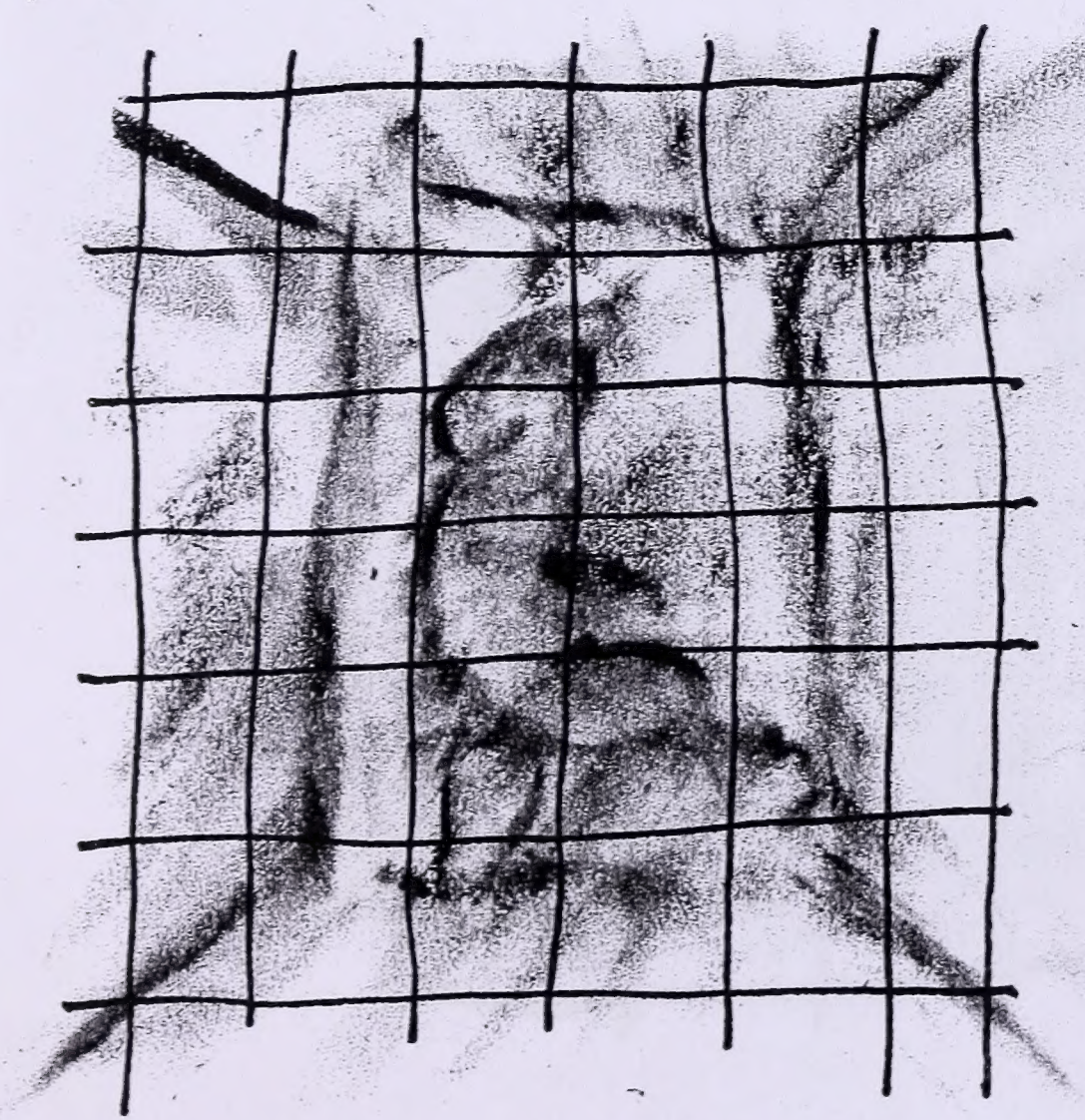
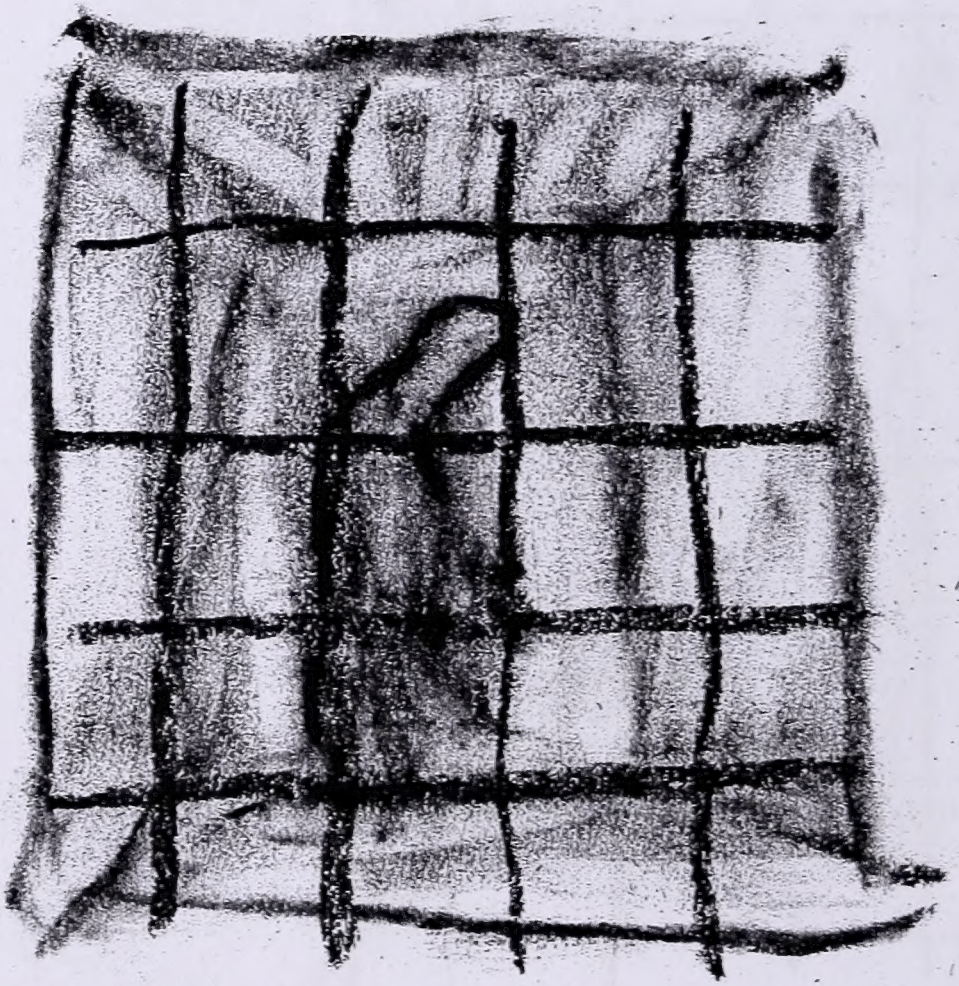
BRADLEY MANNING, 23, U.S. ARMY PRIVATE ACCUSED OF LEAKING CLASSIFIED DOCUMENTS TO WIKILEAKS HAS NOT BEEN CONVICTED OF THAT OR ANY OTHER CRIME



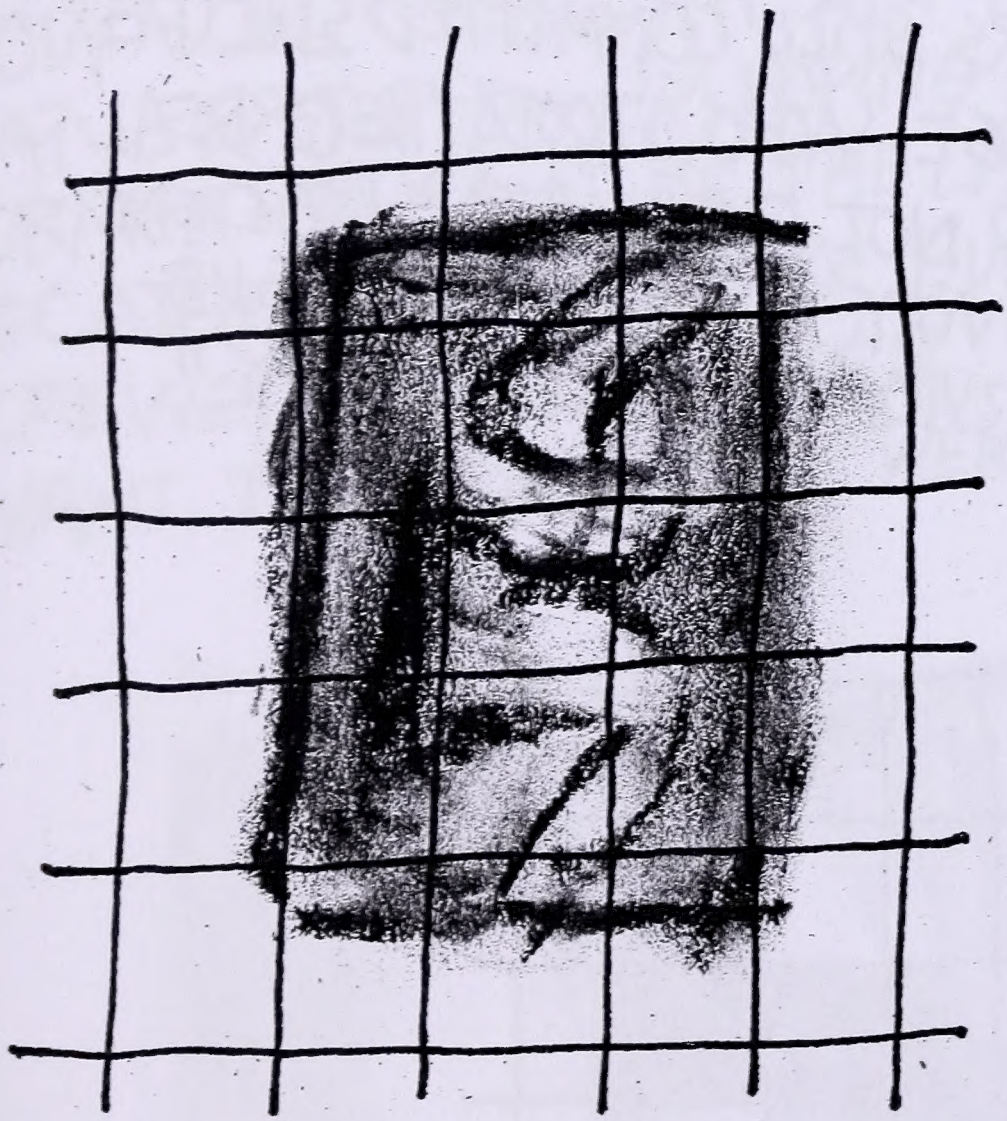
HAS BEEN DETAINED FOR 8 MONTHS UNDER CONDITIONS THAT CONSTITUTE CRUEL & INHUMANE TREATMENT & BY THE STANDARDS OF MANY NATIONS, TORTURE



HE IS HELD IN INTENSIVE SOLITARY CONFINEMENT 23 HRS A DAY IS BARRED FROM EXERCISING, DENIED PILLOW & SHEET & UNDER CONSTANT SURVEILLANCE

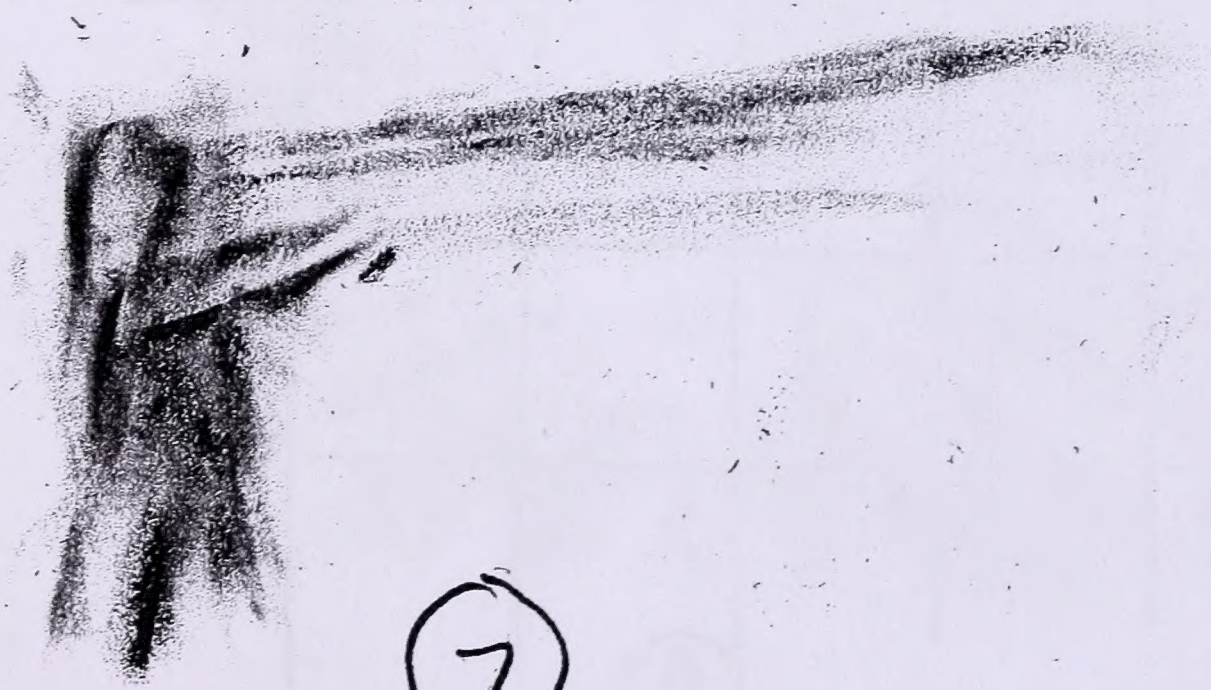
THE JOURNAL OF THE AMERICAN ACADEMY OF PSYCHIATRY AND THE LAW: SOLITARY CONFINEMENT is RECOGNIZED AS DIFFICULT TO WITHSTAND, INDEED, PSYCHOLOGICAL STRESSORS SUCH AS ISOLATION CAN BE AS CLINICALLY DISTRESSING AS PHYSICAL TORTURE

IN 2006 A BIPARTISAN NATIONAL COMMISSION ON AMERICA'S PRISON DOCUMENTED THAT CONDITIONS WHEREBY PRISONERS ARE LOCKED IN THEIR CELLS 23 HRS A DAY CAN ONLY BE DESCRIBED AS TORTUROUS

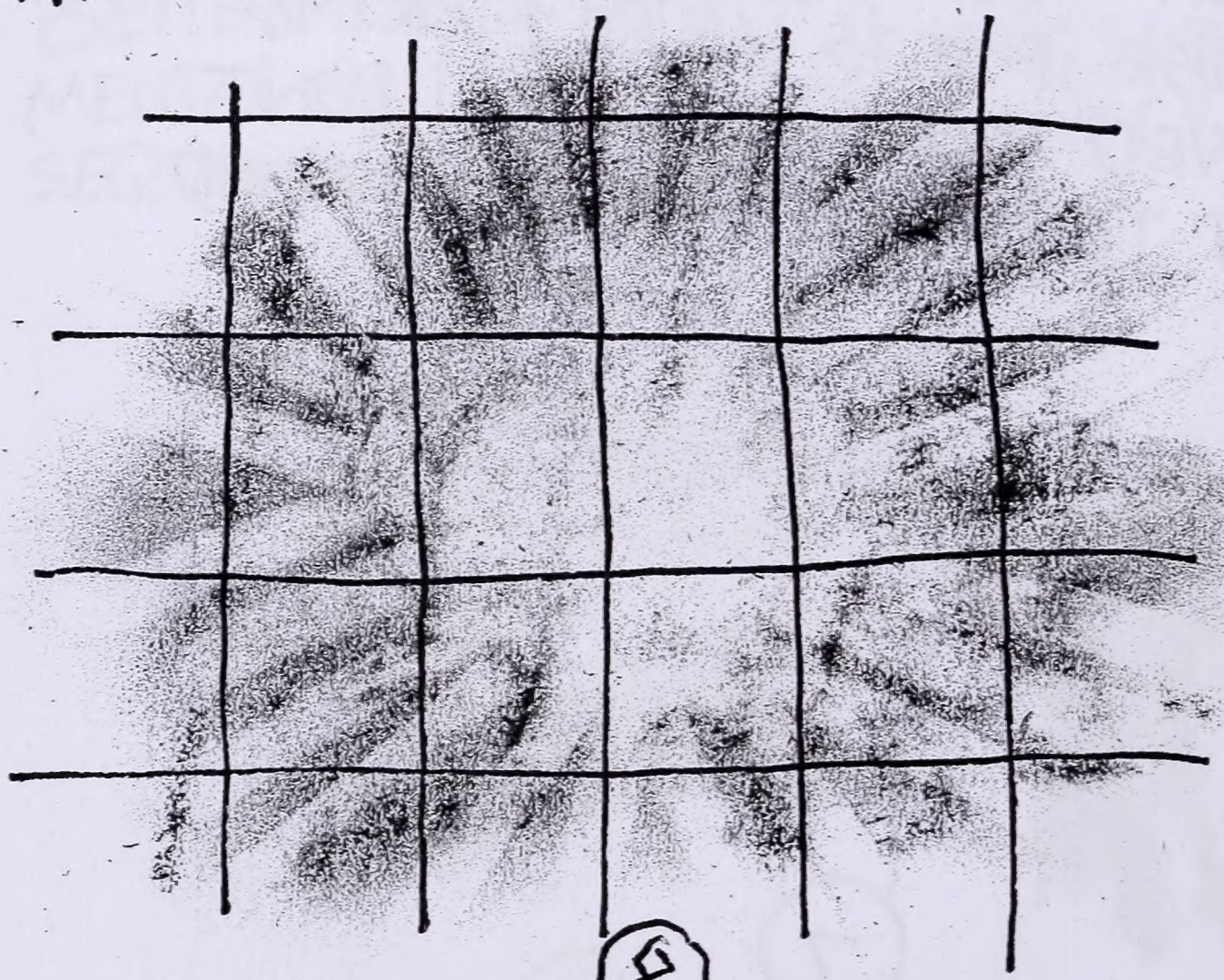


A 1890 SUPREME COURT DECISION NOTES THAT AS A RESULT OF SOLITARY CONFINEMENT "PRISONERS FELL AFTER EVEN A SHORT CONFINEMENT INTO A SEMI-FATUOUS CONDITION, OTHERS BECAME VIOLENTLY INSANE, OTHERS STILL COMMITTED SUICIDE, WHILE THOSE WHO STOOD THE ORDEAL BETTER DID NOT RECOVER SUFFICIENT MENTAL ACTIVITY TO BE OF ANY SUBSEQUENT SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY."

MANNING: i WANT PEOPLE TO SEE THE TRUTH REGARDLESS OF WHO THEY ARE BECAUSE WITHOUT iNFORMATION YOU CANNOT MAKE iNFORMED DECISIONS AS A PUBLIC. iF i KNEW THEN WHAT i KNOW NOW - OR MAYBE i'M JUST YOUNG NAiVE & STUPiD - j'M HOPiNG FOR THE FORMER - iT CAN'T BE THE LATTER - BECAUSE iF iT iS WE'RE FUCKiNG SCREWED AS A SOCiETY & i DONT WANT TO BELiEVE THAT WE'RE SCREWED.



MANNING: WELL, IT WAS FORWARDED TO WIKILEAKS & GOD KNOWS WHAT HAPPENS NOW - HOPEFULLY WORLDWIDE DISCUSSION, DEBATES & REFORMS - IF NOT THEN WE'RE DOOMED AS A SPECIES - I WILL OFFICIALLY GIVE UP ON THE SOCIETY WE HAVE IF NOTHING HAPPENS - THE REACTION TO THE VIDEO GAVE ME IMMENSE HOPE.



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